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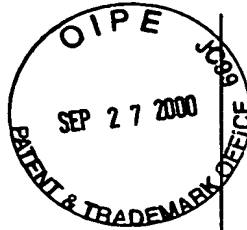
In re application of:

Hanna *et al.*

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For: **GABA_A Receptor Epsilon
Subunits**



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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **March 27, 2000** (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 14), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Attached hereto are (a) a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by Ewen F. Kirkness and Michael C. Hanna, (b) a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Ewen F. Kirkness, (c) courtesy copies of twelve (12) NCBI Entrez Nucleotide Queries (references AT16-AS20) cited on the PTO Form 1449 submitted on August 5, 1998 as indicated by the copy of the date-stamped post-card receipt submitted herewith, and (d) a Petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the time for reply from June 27, 2000 to September 27, 2000.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.